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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Hsieh Confirmation No.: 6335
 Appl. No.: 10/007,716 Group Art Unit: 1653
 Filed: November 13, 2001 Examiner: Abdel A. Mohamed
 For: USE OF JELLYFISH COLLAGEN (TYPE II) IN
 THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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RULE 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 DECLARATION
of Yun-Hwa Peggy Hsieh

I, Yun-Hwa Peggy Hsieh, do hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I, Yun-Hwa Peggy Hsieh, am skilled in the art of the field of the invention. I have Ph.D. in Food Science from Florida State University. I have a Master of Science degree in Animal Sciences from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition and Food Sciences Fu-Jen University, Taipei, Taiwan. I have been employed as a professor by Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida from 2003 to present. Prior to Florida State University, I was employed by Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama from 1993 to 2002.

2. I have read and understood the Office Action in the above case dated 26 February 2004. I have also read and understood references cited and discussed in this case, including Weiner *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,843,445) and Wolfinbarger (U.S. Pat. No. 5,714,582) and Neff *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,925,736). Our claimed compositions and methods are conceptually and technically different from those of the references cited in the official action.

3. Jellyfish contain many proteins and different types of collagens. Although methods of extraction of jellyfish collagen are known in the art, these methods extract a mixture